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In re Application of

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Serial No. 09/543247

Filed: April 5, 2000

For: Semiconductor Device

And Process for Fabrication Thereof

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103

SUSPENSION OF ACTION

FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

This is a decision in response to the petition filed May 03, 2001, requesting suspension of prosecution in the subject application for a second period of six months. The petitioner submits that additional time is needed to continue prosecution.

37 CFR § 1.103 specifies that with good and sufficient cause and accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i) a petition requesting a suspension of action by the Office for a reasonable time will be granted. Petitioner states that "Applicants are contemplating submitting additional amendments to the claims and/or experimental evidence and/or arguments and require more time to consider the same." The basis for the request here is similar to the first request for suspension filed September 22, 2000. Petitioner has not provided factual information, and indication of any progress achieved to date, whereupon good and sufficient cause may be established. Therefore, the petition fails to satisfy the requirements of said Rule § 1.103, and the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within ONE (1) MONTH from the mail date of this decision. Otherwise, the subject application will be taken up for action by the examiner in order provided in MPEP § 708, Order of Examination. See MPEP § 709.

Questions concerning this decision may be directed to Olik Chaudhuri, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2814, at (703) 306-2794.

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